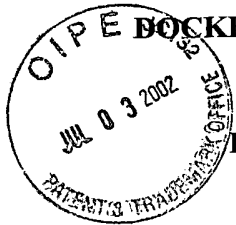


13/12



BUCKET NO.: UPN-3904

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

RECEIVED  
JUL 11 2002

Beet  
7-12-02

In re application of: Koch et al.

Serial No.: 09/648,306

Group Art Unit: 1626

Filed: August 25, 2000

Examiner: S. Wright

For: DETECTION OF HYPOXIA

EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO: EV058072831US  
DATE OF DEPOSIT: July 3, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

### AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This paper timely responds to the outstanding April 4, 2002 Office Action. Applicants request that the application be amended, without prejudice, as follows:

#### In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

20. (amended) A method for detecting tissue hypoxia in a mammal comprising: administering to the mammal a compound having the formula:

201